

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment received June 3, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-14, 16-26, 28-40, now renumbered 1-37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 January 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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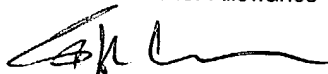
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below.
Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was received by
telephone from C.G. Mersereau, attorney of record on July 12,
2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Dependent claim 13 has been amended as follows:

"The system as recited in claim 13,"
has been changed to read:

--- The system as recited in claim 10, ---

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Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R.
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